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Congress- League Reaction To Cripps' Plan

Executives Called To Consider Proposals

Azad's Assurance To Minorities: Reply To Deputation Of Indian Christians

NEW DELHI, March 25.

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad has called a meeting of the Congress Working Committee in Delhi on March 29 to consider the proposals brought by Sir Stafford Cripps.

Maulana Azad in a statement to the Press requests members of the Working Committee, in view of the shortness of time, to take the announcement in the Press as notice for the meeting.

He says that Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Acharya Narendra Deo, who have been co-opted are also invited to attend the forthcoming Delhi meeting.

AZAD MEETS CRIPPS

Maulana Abul Kalam Azad left Sir Stafford Cripps' residence at 4-15 p. m.

The conversations lasted an hour and a quarter with Mr. Asaf Ali as interpreter.

Maulana Azad looked very grave and pre-occupied. He merely pointed to Sir Stafford Cripps, who was standing in the portico, when he was asked whether he was seeing Sir Stafford again.

Jinnah Meets Cripps

Three minutes after Maulana Azad left, Mr. Jinnah arrived and was received by Sir Stafford Cripps on the steps of his residence.

Mr. Jinnah came out after an hour and a quarter. He looked greatly pleased, his face wreathed in smile.

League Cabinet To Meet

To pressmen who gathered around him, he said that the proposals communicated to him by Sir Stafford Cripps would be placed before the Muslim League Working Committee on March 27th.

Informal Talks At Allahabad

It is presumed that as most of members of Congress Working Committee will be present in Allahabad to-morrow on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Indira Nehru, Maulana Azad will apprise them with the British Government's proposals communicated to him to-day by Sir Stafford Cripps and will hold informal consultations with them.

It is understood Maulana Azad will be returning to Delhi in a couple of days.

Non-Party Muslim M.L.A.'s Letter To Cripps

NEW DELHI, March 25.

The 'United Press' learns that certain Muslim members of the Central Legislature belonging to no party have addressed a letter to Sir Stafford Cripps asking for an interview with him to explain the view point of unattached Muslim politicians in the Central Assembly.—United Press.

Azad's Assurance To Christians

LAHORE, March 24.

A deputation of Indian Christian leaders waited upon Maulana Abul Kalam Azad to-day.

Maulana Azad emphasised that Christians should feel that they were one with the others and should join hands with national parties and organisations.

The Congress President was assured of the support of Indian Christians to the Nationalist movement and the Maulana on his part expressed the desire of the Congress to safeguard the legitimate interests of the minorities.—A.P.

CONGRESS ASSEMBLY PARTY MEETING

NEW DELHI, March 25.

Mr. Satyanarayan Singh, Chief Whip of the Congress Assembly Party, informs the Associated Press that a meeting of the Party will be held at 3 p. m. at 30, Phirosha Road on 27th March.—A.P.

SIKH LEADERS TO MEET CRIPPS

AMRITSAR, March 25.

Master Tara Singh, Giani Kartar Singh, M. L. A., and Sardar Harnam Singh left for Delhi to-night in order to meet Sir Stafford Cripps. Sardar Baldev Singh will join them at Delhi.—A.P.

STAKE ALL THIS YEAR AND BEAT NAZIS

Maisky's Call To Allies Not To Postpone Till 1943

LONDON, Mar. 25.

The Soviet Ambassador, M. Maisky, after presenting four of the R.A.F. officers, who served in Russia with the Order of Lenin at the Russian Embassy to-day said: "The enemy stakes everything on 1942. The task before the Allies is clear.—They must also stake all on 1942. They must make a supreme effort in spring and summer of this year in order to beat the enemy. The Allies have to throw into the battle everything they have. How, when and in what form this can be done is a matter for the Allied General Staffs but the all important thing is this—the whole work of the General Staffs must be imbused with one thought, one idea —1942 and not 1943."—Reuter.

Hungaro-Rumanian Armed Clash

MOSCOW, March 25.

An armed clash between Hungarian and Rumanian frontier troops occurred on the Rumano-Hungarian frontier east of Sigisoara, with casualties on both sides states a supplement to the midday Soviet communique.

WAVELL-CRIPPS' INFLUENCE TELLS

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, March 25.

General Wavell, India's Commander-in-Chief is reported to have played a large part in impressing on Mr. Churchill the need of taking some big step forward in meeting Indian leaders demands. It is said it was partly due to Gen. Wavell's advice that Mr. Churchill changed his previous stand on the Indian question.

Fresh from his experiences in Malaya and Singapore, General Wavell is reported to have brought to bear on the Indian situation a realistic mind, and urged Mr. Churchill to reorientate British policy towards India, so as to touch the hearts of the people.

In this endeavour Gen. Wavell apparently is strongly supported by Sir Staffords Cripps.

CRIPPS MUST MEET STATES' PEOPLES CONFERENCE CHIEF

INDORE, March 25.

Mr. Bhanudas Shah, President of the Indore Rajya Prajamandal has wired to Sir Stafford Cripps that the Princes Chamber does not represent the States' people. Mr. Shah says that the States' people claim independent and separate representation and that a solution of the Indian problem is bound to prove abortive unless States' peoples' representatives are consulted.

Mr. Shah requests Sir Stafford Cripps to invite for interview the President of the Indian States' People's Conference.—A.P.

WHEN SAVARKAR WILL MEET CRIPPS

BOMBAY. Mar. 25.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the Hindu Maha Sabha, is seeing Sir Stafford Cripps on March 28. He is leaving by to-morrow's Frontier Mail for Delhi.

Lid Off Cripps' Box

Indo-British Treaty On Irish Model—Constituent Assembly After War To Decide Pakistan Issue—Defence To Be Under Britain For Duration Of War

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI. March 25.

It is understood that the Viceroy's Council is meeting again this evening, when Sir Stafford Cripps will probably convey to them the purport of his conversations with Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and Mr. Jinnah.

Both Congress and Muslim League leaders are expected to ask for time to consult their Working Committees. In the meantime Sir Stafford Cripps will hold conversations with other individual leaders and have cabled consultations with War Cabinet.

The scheme is reported to provide that questions like, Separate Andhra Province may also be left to be decided at the Constituent Assembly, representattves of the Andhra Districts in the Conference being asked to decide by vote, whether they want a separate province.

The position of Bengal will also be in balance. If the North-Western Provinces like the Punjab, Sind and the Frontier form a separate Federation unit cutting themselves away from the rest of India, Bengal representatives will be asked to decide whether Bengal should go with the North-Western unit or join the Federation with the rest of India, or form a separate North-Eastern unit.

If Bengal takes the last course, India will be divided into three separate Federation units. Each Federation unit will have its own separate defence forces and railways, but for purposes of North-Western frontier defence, other units may be asked to pay some contribution.

It is suggested that the composition of the Viceroy's Coalition Government for the war period is five Congress, five Muslim League, three Hindu Sabha, one Scheduled Caste and one Sikh, in addition to the Commander-in-Chief.

It is being discussed in some quarters, whether the Congress in order to avoid controversy will repeat the "sporting offer" and ask Mr. Jinnah to form the Cabinet, choosing his colleagues according to this proportion.

As already stated, Defence will be Britain's responsibility for the period of war with the Commander-in-Chief directly under His Majesty's Government. Under post-war constitution, Indian Army will be entirely under Federation Government, but arrangement will be made by treaty for stationing British troops, which will be under the British Government.

CLEVER COMPROMISE FORMULA

From clues available in lobby talks, the Cabinet plan is based on a clever compromise formula intended to satisfy both the Congress and the Muslim League. The former may get Constituent Assembly plan for settling post-war constitution, the Assembly to be elected by the present provincial electorates.

ON IRISH MODEL

The model of the Irish Free State may be followed for the future Indian constitution on treaty basis between Britain and India.

Mr. Jinnah may be asked to fight out the Pakistan issue in the Constituent Assembly, on the understanding that if any provinces wish to form a separate unit without joining Indian Federation, they should be free to do so. The question will be left to majority vote of the representatives of those particular provinces. Under this scheme, India may have one or more Federation units, but the hope appears to be that all provinces will agree to federate into one unit.

India under post-war constitution will have the same status as the Irish Free State. Provinces will have practically all subjects transferred to their control from the Centre, with the exception of certain common responsibilities, like Customs which can only be co-ordinated and administered on a Central basis.

For the war period, the proposal is transfer of all subjects to a fully Indianised council composed of representatives of major political parties and important minorities, and the composition of the new council of ministers is to be left to the Viceroy in consultation with the leaders of parties. This is put forward in response to a demand for a National Government responsible to the people and not to the Secretary of State or any outside authority.

The Defence of India will be Britain's responsibility for the period of war, but there may be Indian Defence Ministers who will assist the Commander-in-Chief.

SIR STAFFORD CRIPPS AT DELHI

Sir Stafford Cripps reached New Delhi on the 23rd inst. and first of all met the local Pressmen in a conference arranged by Bureau of Public Information. Photo shows Sir F. H. Puckle (on left), Secretary of Information and Broadcasting Department of the Government of India welcoming Sir Stafford Cripps (holding the hat) at the conference.

League Circles Jubilant

There is great jubilation in Muslim League circles as they regard Cripps' offer as amounting to "Grant of Pakistan"

Mr. Jinnah looked unusually happy when he returned after the interview with Sir Stafford Cripps and conferred with colleagues. The future course of Sir Stafford looks uncertain for Congress will not agree to consider any offer which does not transfer the control of defence to popular ministers—apart from Pakistan question. The Muslim League is likely to welcome the statement as it welcomed the August Offer but it proposes to demand majority of seats in the Council, if Congress refuses to come in. It is likely the whole position will have to be reconsidered by the British Cabinet.

CHOICE FOR STATES

A written statement handed to the leaders to-day by Sir S. Cripps is only one and a half type-written pages. So far as the States are concerned it is reported to provide that they are free to join anyone of the three Federation units—North-Western Muslim unit, North-Eastern Bengal unit or the remaining unit composed of Hindu-majority Provinces. They are also free to keep away from Federation altogether.

DEFENCE HURDLE

The view among Congress members is emphatically to the effect that if as proposed defence is to remain Britain's responsibility and not transferred to Indian control, Congress will never accept it. "Can't touch it" said one member. It is understood Mr. Jinnah's attitude will also be the same.

On Basis Of Philippine Settlement

POONA, March 25.

"One may say that Sir Stafford has not been deputed to deliver goods but only to make a bargain. I would have wished that the Indian leaders whom Sir Stafford is interviewing, at least those who have taken a non-committal line so far, would meet privately in a conference of their own before they saw him," said Mr. N. C. Kelkar in an interview commenting on Sir Stafford's mission to India.

PHILIPPINES MODEL.

Continuing Mr. Kelkar says "the proposals brought by Sir Stafford Cripps are, I believe, on the lines of the policy adopted by America in the final settlement with the Philippines. It is not however clear whether the declaration about the self-Government to be given to India would be a parliamentary statute."—A. P.

JAPS TO BLOCKADE SHANGHAI DISTRICTS?

BOMBAY, March 25.

According to the Chungking radio, another central news despatch states that the Japanese military authorities have decided to blockade various districts in Shanghai, including the Hunan Road, Avenue Edward VII and Foochow Street as a result of the increasing Chinese guerilla activities in the international settlement, in the past few months.—A. P.

Ordered To Quit Br. India

CALCUTTA, March 25.

Mr. Umeshlal Singha, Office Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee (official), was served to-day with an order of externment under the Defence of India Rules, directing him to quit British India immediately. Mr. Singha later left for Agartala under police escort. It will be recalled that two years ago Mr. Singha was externed from Agartala and had been staying in Calcutta ever since.—A.P.

Australian Hopes Of Indian Settlement

National Resources Will Be Mobilised For Common Struggle, Says Curtin

CANBERRA, March 25.

"Australia", said Mr. Curtin the Premier, in the course of a statement in the House of Representatives "hoped profoundly that full Indian resources would be mobilised for the common struggle through the settlement of the constitutional problem enabling the Indian peoples to fulfil within the British Commonwealth the national aspirations".

'Carte Blanche' For MacArthur

Mr. Curtin also stated that Gen. MacArthur is to be given authority of the highest order" in Australia.

Mr. Curtin also emphasised that the Allies visualised Australia's function as that of an offensive base for driving back the Japanese from South-Western Pacific. "This offensive action we are now undertaking with the powerful aid of the United States armed forces" he declared. Mr. Curtin stated that indisputably in the past months developments had far outrun the arrangements concluded in February for the division of control in the Pacific area between London and Washington. When the Pacific Council is established in Washington, Australia will have an accredited representative there.

Earlier Mr. Curtin had told a conference of ex-servicemen here "the rapidity of the Japanese advance since December 7, could not be maintained. The struggle for Australia is not the only one going on. We could hold Australia, yet holding is not sufficient. We have a vital interest in the future of all those on our side. The whole British Commonwealth and indeed all the Allies with us view the struggle totally and see it as a whole. At long last the forces we are resisting are now obliged to take a fresh accounting of what they have done and of how far they can maintain what they have done".

RAID ON PORT MORESBY

SYDNEY:—Three Japanese bombers raided Port Moresby to-day. Two sticks of bombs were dropped but no details of casualties or damage are available.

PLAIN-SPEAKING TO JAPS

The first of a series of talks "to show the Japanese as he really is" was broadcast last night by the official commentator of the Australian Broadcasting Commission. The series which is designed as counter-propaganda to Tokyo Wireless Broadcast in English will be broadcast each night for the next fortnight.

CURTIN DENIES TOKYO CLAIM

CANBERRA:—The Prime Minister Mr. Curtin, to-day, denied the Japanese radio claim that Port Moresby has been taken and two evacuation ships sunk.

AUSTRALIA WILL SURVIVE JAP ATTACK

The confidence that Australia would survive attacks by Japan was expressed by Mr. W. H. Hughes, the Prime Minister of Australia during the first world war, in a broadcast to-day.

The battle for Australia is only one, one battle in world war, Mr. Hughest said, the major part of the fighting was in Europe and the Atlantic Ocean. "Even if we win the battle of Australia our doom is only postponed if Britain, Russia and China are defeated. If Britain fails that is the end not only of Britain but also of the Empire and the whole civilised world," he said. The Australians were dour and terrible fighters and given the leadership they deserved—and which he felt they had under Gen. MacArthur—he was easy in mind about the safety of Australia in the war against Japan.

Japanese Forces Occupy Andaman Islands

(Through A. P. And U. P.)

NEW DELHI, March 25.

The Andaman Islands were occupied by a Japanese force on March 23, says a Communique issued in New Delhi to-day.

The Communique adds: Our forces in the islands were withdrawn some days previously. It was also found possible to evacuate a considerable portion of the population including women and children and also a number of convicts.

Heavy Battle On Toungoo Front

A "Communique" from Burma to-day states: "The situation on the Toungoo front was serious to-day. About 1,000 Japanese infantrymen outflanked the Chinese forces late yesterday afternoon and captured an aerodrome, north of Toungoo. Chinese forces were dispatched early this morning to dislodge them and a heavy battle is reported to be in progress.

Yesterday a combined Japanese cavalry and plain-clothes force cut the Toungoo-Mandalay road at Yedashe, about 20 miles north of Toungoo. Chinese forces drove the cavalry out and mopped up the plain-clothes men. The main force of the enemy, however, is still 20 miles south of Toungoo and the Chinese continue to hold the outpost line-Oktwin to Tantabin south-east of Toungoo.

JAP ATTACK ON R. A. F. 'DROMES

Reports from Burma dated March 24 indicate that there was continue air activity in the central area with losses of aircraft on both sides, says a "Communique." Japanese attacks by bombers escorted by fighters on R. A. F. aerodromes were heavy and there were some casualties on the ground. Enemy fighters, which attempted strafing, were engaged by ground defences. Our fighters intervened and in air combats, one enemy fighter was brought down, another fighter and two bombers probably destroyed and several damaged. One of our fighters was lost.

TOUNGOO-PYINMANA ROAD CUT

A "communique" states that Chinese forces were heavily engaged yesterday around Toungoo. The road Toungoo-Pyinmana was cut at Kyunun by Japanese patrols working around the flank of Toungoo defences. The situation will be cleared up to-day. Small British forces remaining in the area were in action alongside the Chinese Allies.

CHINESE DEAL WITH ENEMY PATROLS

LONDON: It is stated authoritatively in London to-day regarding the cutting of the road at Kyungon that apparently the Chinese found some Japanese patrols had penetrated behind them and are now dealing with them. The rest of Burma is quiet. Some small enemy columns have been reported going westwards ove. the mountains from the Toungoo road to the Prome road but nothing more has been heard of them.

14 JAP PLANES DESTROYED

CHUNGKING:—The raids by American Volunteer Group pilots on Japanese-occupied airfields in Siam yesterday are described here as "most decisive". At least fourteen Japanese aircraft were destroyed in the attack on Chiengmai base. One American plane failed to return.

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R. N. NAYAMPALLI.
Deputy Commissioner of Police
Head Police Office.
Bombay, 24th March, 1942. (7628)

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

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MOHANLAL MORARJI ADHIA, (15976)

NOTICE

THE BOMBAY LIFE ASSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE HAVING BEEN GIVEN of the loss of Policy No. 86598 on the life of Mr. P. Varadrao, a duplicate policy will be issued unless objection is lodged with us within one month from this date.

JYOTENDRA L. MEHTA,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 26th March 1942. 7608.

THE AHMEDABAD ADVANCE MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 4th April, 1942 to THURSDAY, 16th April, 1942, both days inclusive.

An AD-INTERIM DIVIDEND for the half year ended 31st December, 1941, at the rate of Rs. 2-8-0 per Preference Share and at the rate of Rs. 6|- per Ordinary Share, both free of Income-tax will be paid at the Registered Office of the Company, "Bombay House" Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, on and after Saturday, 18th April 1942, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. (S.T.) on Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 1-30 p.m. (S.T.) and from 2-30 p.m. to 3-30 p.m. (S.T.) on other week days, to the Shareholders whose names be on the Register of the Company on Saturday, 4th April, 1942.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS will be posted to the registered address of the shareholders on FRIDAY, 17th April, 1942.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
TATA SONS, LIMITED,
Managing Agents.
S. D. SAKLATVALA,
Director.
Bombay, 24th March, 1942. (7622)

THE AHMEDABAD ADVANCE, MILLS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Allotment letter, bearing No. 398 in respect of 25 Preference Shares numbered P.6708|6732 of The Ahmedabad Advance Mills, Limited, standing in the name of Mr. Lalgir Binodgirka (deceased) has been LOST or MISPLACED, and the undersigned has applied to the Company for delivery of the Certificates for the said shares. Any person in possession of the said Allotment Letter and|or having any claim to the said Shares should notify to and lodge such claim with the Company, at its Registered Office, at Bombay House, Bruce Street, Fort, Bombay, within one month from the date hereof, after which period no claim will be considered and the Directors will proceed to deal with the said application and deliver the Share Certificates if they think fit.

Dated this 26th day of March, 1942.

MAHESHGIR BINODGIR,
Successor to the Estate of Mr. Lalgir Binodgirka—deceased. (7619)

Public Notices

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY
OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF SUPPLIES, PURCHASE BRANCH.

TENDER NOTICE.

THE CONTROLLER of Supplies, (Purchase) Department of Supply, Bombay invites tenders for the supply of gauze wire brass heavy.

The price of tender form No. MP|8G|1055 is Rs. 2|- per set of two copies and is not refundable

The last date for submission of tenders is 4 P. M. on 10th April, 1942. (7621)

Legal Notices

SUMMONS UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20.

The defendant is hereby informed to appear on the date of hearing and file (a written statement 8 days before the date of hearing)

SUMMONS FOR SETTLEMENT OF ISSUES

P. No. 913

(Rules 1 and 5, Order V, Act V of 1908)

Civil Suit No. 61-B of 1942

In the Court of 2nd Subordinate Judge II Class at HARDA.

SYED MOHAMMAD AMIN ..... Plaintiff.

DENNIS CLIFFORD SINGLETON. ..... Defendant.

Claim—Rs. 1,411|3|9.

To

Dennis Clifford Singleton, Anglo-Indian, Railway-driver, son of not known, resident of Igatpuri near Ry. Station.

WHEREAS the plaintiff Syed Md. Amin has instituted a suit against you for Rs. 1,411|3|9 you are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person, or by a Pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the suit, or who shall be accompanied by some person able to answer all such questions on the 24th day of April 1942, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon to answer the claim; and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day beforementioned, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court, this 21st day of March 1942.

(Seal)

2nd S. Judge II Cl. Harda (7612)

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that SHIRINBAI, wife of Bapuji Dorabji Daruwalla, TEMINA PIROJSHAW DUBASH and BANUBAI KAIKUSHRU SETHNA have contracted to sell to our client the undermentioned property. Any person or persons having or making any claim against the said property by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift, trust, inheritance, possession, lien or otherwise howsoever, is or are requested to make the same known in writing to us at our Office at Lentin Chambers, Dalal Street, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim, and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of Bombay Pension and Tax land or ground with the messuage, tenement or dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Girgaum Road in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay in the Island of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 239 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 11 New No. 65, Old Survey No. 234, New Survey No. 194 and Cadastral Survey No. 1915 of Bhuleshwar Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under C Ward Nos. 2037, 2038 and 3801 and Street Nos. 311, 313, 315, 317, 319 and 140 and bounded as follows: that is to say, on or towards the East partly by Cavel Street and partly by the property formerly of Ravji Bhasker, on or towards the West by Girgaum Road, on or towards the North by Cavel Street and on or towards the South by the property of Ravji Bhasker and which said premises are now in the occupation of the vendors tenants.

Dated this 24th day of March, 1942.

MATUBHAI JAMIETRAM & MADAN,
Purchaser's Attorneys. 7609.

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BONAFIDE SALE OF AVON STORE'S STOCK-IN-TRADE such as Provisions, Patent Medicines, Fancy Goods, Toilet requisites, etc., together with goodwill on TUESDAY, 7-4-42 at 1 p.m. (S.T.) at Official Assignee's Office, High Court, Fort.

On view on 31st March, 1st, 2nd & 6th April between 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Avon Stores, Sir Pherozsha Mehta Road, Fort.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

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PANKOJ COMAR GHOSE,
Advocate-Receiver.
Dacca, 18-3-1942. 7624.

Auction Sales

SALE ON TUESDAY, 31st March, at 3 p.m. at the room of the undersigned: a small collection of rare Chinese Engraved Tusks including one 30" long in natural condition silver mounted. Chinese Silver Models of Ships, Indian Silverware, Indian Ivory Paintings, Jade Table Screens, Cloisonne, Old Indian Brass Figures, Satsuma, Earthen and Majolicaware, also a set of 10 vols. Myth and Legend in Literature and Art, New Standard Dictionary 4 vols.

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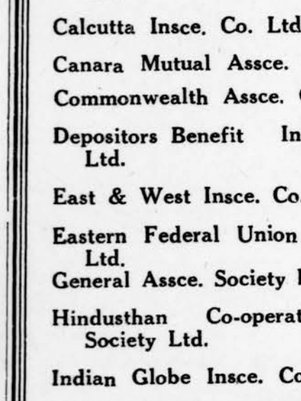

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SWASTIK
Daily: 3 & 9 p. m. (Hindi) 6 p. m. (Marathi)
MATINEE TO-DAY 12 noon HINDI

City And Suburbs

LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

Hindu: Chaitra Shud 9, 1998
Muslim: Rabi-ul-Avval 8, 1361
Parsi: Meher 23 1311
Sunrise: 6-40 a.m. Sunset: 6-49 p.m.
Hightide: 5-34, 19-42, Lowtide: 0-40, 12-06

FRIDAY, March 27

Standing Committee, 3 p.m. (B.T.).
"Haj Committee" meeting at 5 p.m. (S.T.) at Haj Committee Office.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

ROXY—"Jhoola" 2-15, 5-45, and 9 p.m. Matinee on Thursday at 11 a.m.
NEW WEST END—"Doctor" 3-30, 6-15 and 9 p.m.
REGAL—"Down Argentine Way" 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
SUPER—"The Jungle Princess" 4-30, 7-15 and 9-45 p.m.
CAPITOL—"Great Guns" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
METRO—"Two Faced Woman" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Bharat Milap" 2-30, 5-45, 8-45
KRISHNA—"Apna Ghar" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Raja Rani" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
CHITRA—"Shadi" 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
PALACE—"It Started With Eve" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EDWARD—"Gharki Laj" 4, 6-30 and 10
HIND MATA—"Chandan" 4-30, 7 and 10
MINERVA—"Taj Mahal" 3-30, 6-15 and 9
KOHINOOR—"Naya Sansar" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY—"Kasauti" 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Nirdosh" 3, 6 and 9 p.m.
PRAKASH—"Sant Tulsidas" 1, 3-45, 6-30 and 9-15 p.m.
AURORA—"Sikandar" 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—The Percy Athos Follies 6-15 and 9-15 p.m. To-day at 3 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Khilauna" 3, 6 and 9

PROGRESSIVE GROUP: The annual general meeting of the Progressive Group will be held at Greens to-day (Thursday), at 6 p.m.

GHATKOPAR STUDENTS' UNION: Mr. Nagindas T. Master will deliver a public lecture, to-day (Thursday), at 9 a.m. in the Gurukul High School Hall.

RAMTIRTH YOGASHRAM: A lecture on "Shri Rama Charitra" will be delivered by Yogiraj Umeshchandraji, to-day (Thursday) at 5 p.m. at 448, Sandhurst Road.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS, MATUNGA: A Public Study Class on the subject of "Truth in Modern Life" will be held at 8-15 p.m. to-day (Thursday), at Putla House, Bhaudaji Road, Matunga.

A PROTEST MEETING: A public meeting will be held to-day (Thursday), at 9-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Chota Kabrastan, Play House, Grant Road Corner, to protest against "the so-called Momin conference."

EAST SANTA CRUZ CITIZENS' MEETING: A meeting of the citizens of East Santa Cruz, will be held at the Military Road Bhannasett's Wadi, to-day (Thursday) at 5 p.m., to concert measures for the protection of the public in case of emergency.

HUME PIPE WORKERS' UNION: The Managing Committee of the H. P. W. Union have decided to give 14 days' notice to the management if the definite reply, to the request made to management for bonus and increment, will not be given by Friday (26th Inst.)

ARYA SAMAJ: A public meeting will be held at Arya Samaj Kakadwadi, on account of 'Ramnavmi Festival' to-day (Thursday), at 6 p.m. when from 6 to 7 there will be Havan and Bhajnas, and thereafter Pandits and leaders will deliver a public lecture on 'Shri Ramchandra Charitra'.

PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER BRIGADE: On behalf of "D" Ward P.V.B., the First-Aid Class in English will be started from today (Thursday), in the Congress House Hall, at 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Volunteers are requested to join. Dr. R. D. Kamath will conduct the class.

P. V. B. CONTROL BOARD: The General Secretary of the P.V.B. announces that there will be no meeting of the Board of Control to-day (Thursday), it being a Holiday.

RECEPTION TO AHRAR LEADER

The President of Bombay Provincial Majlise Ahrar Mr. Raja Gulzar Khan of Ahmedabad will arrive in Bombay tomorrow (Friday) morning when he will be received by the Ahrar workers of Bombay at the Central Station.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Mr. S. Venguswamy, Class III Instructor will deliver a lecture on "Duties of Wardens" at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College, and Dr. G. V. Dandekar will deliver a lecture on "First-Aid to the Injured" at 9 p.m. in Ramnarain Ruia College.

BOMBAY CARAGE WORKERS' UNION: The Managing Committee of B. G. W. Union have decided to give 14 days' notice to the management if the definite reply, to the request made to management for bonus and increment, will not be given by Friday (26th inst.)

DEMONSTRATION OF A.R.P. WORK: The volunteers sent by the Bombay Suburban District Congress Committee and other organisations who have received their training in a special camp organised by Ahimsak Vyayam Sangh, will give a demonstration to-day (Thursday) at 5-0 p.m. at Ram Bagh Malad. Sjt. Mangaldas Pakvasa will preside.

BOMBAY NATIONAL GUARDS: "The Jt. Hon. Secretary writes: P.V.B. is conducting a Camp for 12 days at Jinha Hall commencing from to-day (Thursday), at 9 p.m. All the members and the recruits of the B.N.G. are requested to take full advantages of this Camp to get thorough knowledge of petrolling duty. Regarding your requirements please see the Secretary or the Captain."

KHORDAD SAL FESTIVAL CELEBRATION: Khordad Sal will be celebrated at the Petit Fasali Atash Kadesh (New Marine Lines), to-day (Thursday), at 5 p.m. (S.T.) Jashan ceremony will be performed followed by joint prayer and benedictions. At 6 p.m. Dasturji Framroze A. Bode will deliver a lecture on "Thoughts on Khordad Sal and the future of the Parsis". All are cordially invited.

MOLESTATION OF WOMEN: The following resolution was passed at the Committee meeting of the Bombay Presidency Women's Council: "The Bombay Presidency Women's Council is very much perturbed by the statements appearing in papers and instances reported by some of its members re: the molestation of women by some of the members of His Majesty's forces, and hopes that Government and the Military authorities will take due measures to allay the fears in the minds of the public."

"D" WARD FIRST-AID CLASS: On behalf of "D" Ward, P.V.B. the First-Aid Class in Gujrati has been started from Thursday (March 26), at Parekh Wadi, Vithal Bhai Patel Road at 8-30 p.m. to 9-30 p.m. Dr. N. M. Vyas will conduct the class.

MEETINGS AT CHOWPATTY AND KAMGAR MAIDAN: Public meeting of citizens of Bombay will be held to-day (Thursday), at Chowpatty, at 5-30 p.m. and on Kamgar Maidan at 6 p.m. under the auspices of Girni Kamgar Union. Bombay Presidency Students' Federation and other students and Workers' Union, to demand from Sir Stafford Cripps and our National leaders to forge the Anti-Fascist unity of the people of Britain and India, on the basis of Equality and Freedom and to mobilise and arm the peoples for the defence of our land and destruction of Fascism.

BOMBAY MOMINS' PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of the Momins of Bombay will be held to-day (Thursday) in 1st Ghellabhai Street Madanpura, at 9-0 p.m. to support All-India Momin Conference Mr. A. Saeed, ex-General Secretary of the All-India Momin Conference will preside

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WAR AND BUSINESS

While war requirements naturally demand first consideration, the greatest care should be taken that the essential wants of the crores of civil population are not neglected. The fear of a shortage of food supply has long been entertained but we do not know if Government have taken effective steps to deal with the problem. Shortage of cloth, too, has been feared for months past, and at the last annual general meeting of the Bombay Millowners Association held on Monday Sir V. N. Chandavarkar, the retiring Chairman, stated that the recent "shrinkage in mill activity will doubtless affect the supply of cloth available in the country for home and export markets with serious consequences to everybody, but a lot depends on how long the present panic lasts and on the trend of future events." The shrinkage was caused by the sudden exodus, due to war panic, of about 38,000 workers representing 17 per cent of the normal complement. The panic has already begun to subside, and fairly normal conditions may soon be restored if more attractive terms are offered, at least in the shape of a more decent war bonus, if not permanent wages. The millowners can certainly afford to do this as they are making very high profits. Apart from what the millowners may, or may not do, Government ought to take steps to see that the cloth requirements of the civil population are satisfactorily met. As we have often pointed out before, one of the best ways of doing this is to encourage hand-spinning and hand-weaving by all possible means. It is obvious that in all such matters as ensuring adequate supply of food and clothing, Government will get the full co-operation of the public.

War Risk Insurance

The question of the safety of the mills in war conditions is of prime importance, as much from the point of view of war requirements as of those of the civil population. We may assume, therefore, that Government have taken all possible steps for their safety. The question of insurance against loss is also of importance and the Millowners' Association has naturally urged Government to expedite their long-contemplated schemes of war risk insurance. It is said that to avoid the delay of normal legislation Government will issue an Ordinance next week. But they have had this subject before them for months past, and if a sound Bill had been drafted in consultation with businessmen, its speedy passage through the legislature would have been managed by Government. However, we suppose the Ordinance will be in force only till an Act is passed and that this will not be unduly delayed. What matters most is that the Law, whether an Ordinance or an Act, should be on sound lines and cover all war risks. But the report is abroad that Government's Ordinance will not provide for any compensation against losses to factories resulting from a "scorched earth" policy and that this question will be dealt with separately. Businessmen are so much exercised about the dangers of this policy that Government should not further delay their conclusions on the subject.

Obsolete Machine

Referring to Government's delays in various matters Sir V. M. Chandavarkar deplored their "unholy love of red-tapism". Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, presiding over the annual General Meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, held on Wednesday, also complained that "possibly the greatest sources of irritation are the delays and indecisions that seem inevitable in dealing with any of the departments of Government." The real trouble, he added, "lies in the fact that the ordinary peace-time machinery of Government was still geared to the pace of the bullock cart and sailing ship and it requires a complete overhaul if it is to succeed in accommodating itself to the tempo of modern warfare, to the speed-boat and the aeroplane." The root cause of the trouble is that the Government are loath to part with power. In his address to the Chamber the Governor took a more complacent view of the administrative machine. He said: I think the story of what has been accomplished in the last two years in India shows not that the task is too great for the machine, but that the machine can, painfully perhaps, overcome an immense array of problems and record remarkable achievements." But the people whose interests are most at stake can hardly regard the achievements as at all remarkable. The machine does need to be completely overhauled. And it cannot be so unless it is entirely worked and controlled by Indians.

Significant Statement

"It seems," complains a Japanese naval spokesman, Captain Hiraide, "Japan is now on the defensive and the Anglo-American Powers on the offensive." There appears to be a tendency in some Allied quarters to take this statement literally and welcome it as an admission that the tide has already turned. This is a wrong and dangerous reaction. For, the main plea of the spokesman was not to rest on present laurels but to follow up Japanese victories by further offensive operations for "securing the Indian Ocean and Australia." This is really a serious warning to the United Nations that the Japanese will not lose valuable time but will make a determined bid for strategical mastery over the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The U.S.A., and Australia are spiritedly contesting the Japanese challenge to South Pacific and may well succeed in beating the invader back if General MacArthur receives more reinforcements and material quickly. But what about the Indian Ocean or rather Ceylon which is the vital key to it? According to a New Delhi message, the Andaman Islands have been occupied by the Japanese. Great energy and thoroughness has been shown in regard to preparedness—in the administrative sphere. But whether as a totalitarian dictator or a super-Governor, Sir Geoffrey Layton can do little without fighting resources, particularly naval and aerial. Let us hope he is getting them.

But undoubtedly there is an encouraging aspect, too, to Captain Hiraide's demand. He urgently pleads for immediate extension of present successes because he is profoundly worried over the growing strength of the United Nations. And he gave a highly interesting instance of this growth by revealing that the 'enemy' fleet will be reinforced by no fewer than ten aircraft carriers within the year. Captain Hiraide knows that every day that passes brings nearer to Japan a desperate situation. This is an open admission that Japanese resources and possibilities are dangerously limited as compared with those of her 'enemies'. This is encouraging. But time is with the United Nations only if the critical present is not last, if, that is, Australia and the Indian Ocean—which, in addition to Ceylon includes the land front in Burma, too—are held.

Staraya Russa Fighting

The Staraya Russa sector and the dwindling German Sixteenth Army have suddenly come into prominence again through official as well as agency reports from Moscow and Stockholm. Two things have emerged from these reports: that the Germans have suffered extraordinarily heavy losses but that their desperate efforts to relieve the trapped Army regardless of cost continue. Thousands upon thousands of reserve troops have been flown along with supplies from the rear to the garrison. And most of them have been destroyed and wiped out in land fighting or in the air itself. During the last few weeks German losses in aircraft, material and in men have been enormous—in fact, the Germans have probably lost more men, let alone planes and equipment in helping the garrison to break away than its own present numerical strength. All these efforts have been unsuccessful and yet they are persisted in. Indeed, a front line despatch dated Tuesday speaks of "fresh and most desperate Nazi efforts" supported by tanks, guns and mass air raids. These efforts, terribly costly as they are for the Germans, are not due to suicidal folly. Herr Hitler realises that no price is too great to save the morale of the Wehrmacht from breaking down. He also knows that even if the Sixteenth Army were numerically reduced to a division or so the spectacular liquidation of it will deal a tremendous blow to the morale of his hordes, while a break through will bolster it considerably. Hence the present, and perhaps final phase of the struggle around Staraya Russa must be watched with keen and anxious interest.

Frankly Speaking

"Mare Nostrum" Fiasco

Once again, but after a long interval, the Italian fleet emerged to exercise mastery over Il Duce's "Mare Nostrum" and once again the adventure ended as usual in an amusing fiasco —it had very nearly resulted in a big tragedy. Full details are not yet available but it is obvious that the British convoy to Malta must have caused great pain to Signor Mussolini. His navy intercepted it first with a force of cruisers. They were driven off. Then another force, including this time the battleship "Littorio," appeared on the scene. It, too, had to retire with the "Littorio" damaged by a torpedo. This seems to have been the only casualty on either side in the two encounters! The pain must have been further intensified for Signor Mussolini on learning that the situation was to a certain extent saved by his master's Luftwaffe which got at least one merchantship! Poor Il Duce deserves pity.

What May Mean Anything Or Nothing

A schoolboy getting 1 mark out of 100 in an examination and getting in a later examination 10 marks more out of 100 could honestly say, if he knew enough of percentages, that he had improved his marks by 1,000 per cent. One is reminded of this as one reads Vice-Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert's talk to a Press Conference at Delhi on the progress of the Indian Navy. He said that the personnel in the Indian Navy had increased by 1,000 per cent. Every time we have been told anything about our Navy, we have been treated to such ambiuous figures.

What Might Have Been

Quite superfuluously but with remarkable naivete Sir Herbert lectured the pressmen in the following terms: "A strong naval force is necessary to keep the seas open. This country has for a long time been military-minded but not naval-minded. India should have had a navy of her own long ago. I want to tell the 400 million people of India that the sea is worth while to India". India never needed to be told all this. But they needed who had it in their power to build up a strong Indian Navy these many years but who failed to do so. A strong Indian Navy would have been worth while now for Britain as well as India. It is adding insult to injury to put the blame on the Indians as not being naval-minded. An average Indian is naturally not so minded. But if Government willed, they could have trained in the past ten times the men who are now trained or are under training. The real trouble was the fact which led Sir Herbert himself to admit that "he had a great fight" to get one shipping yard. He put it very mildly, indeed, when he added amidst laughter: "Government have not been as enthusiastic as I have been." They are not enthusiastic enough even now.

Lamp-Posts

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—As a precaution against blackout the sides of the foot-path and the stems of the trees have been whitewashed. I appreciate this idea.

But while the trees are painted white, the lamp-posts almost side by side are painted black. Do the authorities concerned want people to dash against hard, steel lamp-posts?

I request the authorities concerned to look to this and paint the lamp-posts also white.—Yours, etc.

NANDLAL GUPTA.

Sir Strafford Cripps And States' People

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—While Princes are invited to present their case before Sir Stafford Cripps, States' people have been ignored. It will not be out of place to draw attention of Sir Cripps that Princes represent themselves and several established interests only. States' People's case can be presented by their leaders. Any kind of promises and pledges given independently to the Princes will not be binding upon their subjects.—Yours, etc.,

BHAGWANJI J. KAPASI.

Ahmedabad.

Shanno Devi Bailed Out

LAHORE, March 25.

Srimati Shanno Devi, M. L. A. (Congress), who is being prosecuted in the court of a local Magistrate under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules on a charge of defying a Government order prohibiting her from attending any public meeting or procession, was released to-day on a bail of Rs. 1,000 by Mr. Justice Bhide of the Lahore High Court. She was alleged to have joined a procession of Trades Satyagrahis. Her bail application had been dismissed by the trying Magistrate and the Sessions Judge.—A.P.

Jailed For Anti-war Propaganda

(From Our correspondent.)

KOLHAPUR, March 24.

One Nana Patel Yedex, who was arrested last week for making anti-war propaganda was sentenced to undergo sixteen months' rigorous imprisonment and pay Rs. 200 fine by Jayasingpur magistrate under Defence of India Rules.

European Chamber Indicts Govt.

Machinery Remains Wooden And Needs Complete Overhaul

An assurance that he would use his good offices to cut through red tape, was given by Sir Roger Lumley, Governor of Bombay in the course of his speech which was read by Mr. H. F. Knight, at the annual general meeting of the Bombay Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday.

The assurance was given in answer to criticisms made by Mr. J. M. B. Gibbons, President of the Chamber, in the course of a speech proposing the adoption of the Annual report of the Chamber.

After referring to the fact that the war had brought commerce into closer contact with certain Government Departments dealing with supply, Mr. Gibbons complained of deficiencies in these Departments.

WOODEN SYSTEM

"Possibly the greatest sources of irritation to us commercial men are the delays and indecisions that seem inevitable in dealing with any of the Departments of Government. This was of course equally true in peace time and I think the trouble lies in the fact that the ordinary machinery of Government has not moved with the times. It is still geared to the pace of the bullock-cart and sailing ship, and it requires a complete overhaul if it is to succeed in accommodating itself to the tempo of modern warfare, to the speed boat and the aeroplane."

BAD TRANSPORT

Giving instances of the delay in Government action, Mr. Gibbons criticised the failure to develop alternative methods of transport other than Railways. "It may be true, as the Hon. Member for Communications said recently that 98 per cent of the traffic goes by rail, but it is equally true that the Burma Road was carrying up to 40,000 tons a month before it was cut."

Citing other instances he said:—

"The property war risk insurance scheme still hangs fire although it was broached not far off a year ago."

"Some machinery in Rangoon was urgently needed by the Government of India for war work, and a prompt decision could have secured its transfer to India. It is still in Rangoon."

Mr. R. W. Bullock in seconding the proposal for the adoption of the report protested against the inordinate delays in the settlement of Excess Profits Tax assessments and, in particular, the consideration of cases referred to the Boards of Referees and the Central Board of Revenue.

GOVERNOR'S SPEECH

The report was adopted. The Governor in the course of his speech read by Mr. Knight referred to these complaints and said:—"Although these matters do not come directly within my own responsibility, I regard it as an obligation to assist in all possible ways in any matter which concerns the efficiency of the war effort, and, in cases of urgency and importance, I am ready to use my good offices to pass through what is often referred to as red tape, and to make direct contact with the Head of the Department concerned."

U. S. RAID WAKE AND MARCUS

Two Jap Patrol-boats Sunk: Several Prisoners Taken In Air And Naval Action

WASHINGTON, March 25.

United States naval and air forces have dealt smashing blows at Marcus and Wake Islands in the Pacific, says a Navy Department "communique" today. Only two United States aircraft were lost.

Following is the text of the Navy "Communique"; "Vice-Admiral William Halsey who commanded the naval force which so successfully raided Marshall Islands on January 31 has delivered additional blows to enemy outposts.

The first on February 24 at the Japanese-occupied Wake Island and the second on March 4 at Japanese-owned Marcus Island, the scene of much enemy activity. These surprise attacks were met with little opposition. The attacking forces found few enemy planes and ships in the areas. Considerable damage was done to shore installations, defence positions, aircraft runways and water tanks by the combined bombardment from aircraft and surface vessels, following the pattern so effectively used by Admiral Halsey in his raid on Marshall Islands.

At Wake Island, which the United States forces defended from December 7 until its capture on December 23, the enemy has worked feverishly to strengthen the defences against attack. Two hundred and nineteen bombs from aircraft and many shells from cruisers and destroyers were rained on shore installations and the landing field. Two enemy patrol-boats were sunk, three large seaplanes at anchor were demolished and aircraft runways and part of the defence batteries were damaged. Our loss in this engagement was one aircraft.

Marcus Island is 760 west-south-west of Wake Island and 990 miles south-east of Yokohama.

SEVERAL JAPS TAKEN PRISONERS

PEARL HARBOUR:—Several Japanese prisoners were taken during the raid on Marcus and Wake Islands. Two American aircraft were lost—one on each island—destroyed by anti-aircraft fire.

JAPS GET REINFORCEMENTS

Continued enemy ground activity in Bataan indicates the arrival of Japanese reinforcements.

PEARL HARBOUR:—The three seaplanes destroyed at Wake Island made up the entire aerial strength of the island. Fuel barges and dredgers were sunk and fuel storages, underground hangars and magazines were demolished. At Marcus the destruction included a radio station. An almost completed air base was bombed and damaged. No aircraft were seen.

TOKIO BLACK-OUT

It is no secret that the Marcus attack was regarded so significantly in Tokyo that the lights of Tokyo were blacked-out for several nights afterwards. The raids were carried out by aircraft-carriers, cruisers and destroyers.

Wake was "quite well-defended by coastal batteries" but American surface bombardment silenced a large part and air bombing accounted for most of the remainder. None of the American ships were hit.

Weekly Holiday For Shopmen

Assembly Passes Measure: No Deduction In Pay

NEW DELHI, March 25.

In the Legislative Assembly, after question time, the President, Sir Abdur Rahim, gave the reasons for his ruling on 17th February that the question raised by Mr. K. C. Neogy, whether the Indian Legislative Assembly was competent to entertain a legislative proposal in the form of a Bill relating to a certain class of multi-unit co-operative societies, was not one which could be properly dealt with by the Chair on a point of order under Rule 15.

The Congress Party attended the Legislative Assembly to-day. Mr. Vamanrao Joshi (Congress) was cheered when he was sworn in.

On the motion of Mr. H. C. Prior the House passed the Weekly Holidays Bill as reported by the Select Committee providing that every person employed otherwise than in a confidential capacity or in a position of management in any shop, restaurant or theatre shall be allowed in each week a holiday of one whole day. The Bill extends to the whole of British India and will come into force in a province or in a specified area within a province only if the Provincial Government by notification in the Official "Gazette" directs.

One of the Clauses of the Bill lays down that no deduction or abatement of the wages of any person employed in an establishment to which this Bill applies shall be made on account of any day or part of a day on which the establishment has remained closed or a holiday has been allowed and if such a person is employed on the basis that he would not ordinarily receive wages for such day or part of a day he shall none the less be paid for such day or part of a day the wages he would have drawn had the establishment not remained closed or the holiday not been allowed on that day or part of a day.

The penalty provided for contravention of the provision of the Bill is fine which may extend in the case of the first offence to Rs. 25 and in the case of a second or subsequent offence to Rs. 250.

INDUSTRIAL STATISTICS

The Assembly next passed Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar's Bill facilitating the collection of statistics of certain kinds relating to industries, after the mover had accepted minor amendments.

The House adjourned till Tuesday next.—A. P.

LAHORE, March 25.

Mr. Kali Nath Ray, editor of the "Tribune", has been seriously ill for the last few days. His condition is causing anxiety—A. P.

R. I. NAVY'S EXPLOITS

Indian Seamen's Record In Atlantic And The Pacific

NEW DELHI, March 24

"When the new construction taken in hand now is completed the Royal Indian Navy will have expanded by nearly a thousand per cent. in personnel," observed Vice-Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert, Flag Officer Commanding the Royal Indian Navy, addressing press correspondents.

The Vice-Admiral said that in pre-war days the Royal Indian Navy was regarded in terms of a coastal defence organisation alone but the pre-war outlook was now gone. The R. I. N. was not only undertaking local naval defence of India's ports and coast, but its ships were serving in the Red Sea, and the Persian Gulf and between India and Malaya and have very recently been serving in the battle of the Atlantic and in the Mediterranean. "To-day the R. I. N. possesses two of the latest escort vessels launched in 1940 with good armaments, good speed and all the latest form of equipment. Added to these are two other modern vessels and three sloops, thirty-four Indian vessels for anti-submarine and mine sweeping duties, two trawlers and one de-perming ship for putting permanent electric wave into ship as antidote for magnetic mine," he added.

Sir Herbert paid a tribute to the quality of Indian seamen and illustrated this by reference to the exploits of the H. M. I. S. "Jumna" which has just returned from Batavia from convoy duty in the course of which, she shot down no less than four enemy bombers. The ships company he said was absolutely splendid.

H. M. I. S. "Jumna" one of our latest sloops, is believed to have been the last warship to leave Batavia, before it fell. In her various encounters with the Japanese, she destroyed four bombers for certain and perhaps more. Her work was carried out in conditions of great danger. More than once, powerful units of Will the State do needful to save the cattle?

the Japanese navy were in the vicinity. At this time elsewhere in these waters was taking place the battle of the Java sea, in which the part played by H. M. S. 'Exeter' and other gallant ships is already known to the public.

With this exciting experience, "Jumna" rounded off a spell of continuous duty that took her from the far North Atlantic to the Netherlands East Indies. In the Atlantic she was engaged in convoying. She has been to the Faroe islands, there the midnight sur astonished some of the ratings: the Commanding officer had to explain the phenomenon in detail.

This was probably farther north than any R. I. N ship has ever been.—A. P.

TIRADE AGAINST SUBHAS

Kripalani's Rejoinder To 'Statesman'

ALLAHABAD March 25.

Acharya J. B. Kripalani, General Secretary of the Congress, has issued the following statement to the Press:—

"In his leading article of March 22, the Editor of the "Statesman" has changed his ground. Instead of "the members of the Working Committee of the Congress" having told him that Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose received money from the enemy, he now talks of "Congress sources" having supplied him with this information. Instead of these sources assuring him that they had evidence, he now writes that they made verbal statement in the hope that the "Statesman" will take the legal risk of bringing charges of which proof was not given, which naturally we did not take.

If verbal statements unsupported by evidence could not be made public at that time, they may not be given currency to-day. Or is it that now they can be safely made because there is no fear of their being challenged inside or outside a court of law, as the party against whom they are made is not there to contradict them, and to take necessary action? This is neither fair nor in keeping with good journalistic etiquette.

Further the editor says "whether Mr. Subhas Bose received funds from abroad or not we have no knowledge. All that we know is that some of Gandhiji's friends assured us it was so." I referred this matter to Gandhiji, and he said that no friends of his had ever mentioned the fact to him. Evidently Gandhiji's friends are more communicative to the editor of the "Statesman" than to Gandhiji.

Again the "Statesman" says, "If Mr. Kripalani cannot imagine that Mr. Bose would do such a thing (receiving money from abroad) he would not appear to have much imagination". I must admit that I proceed about my political business relying upon facts and not upon my imagination. I would not make a public statement which I could not support by evidence. Imagination here is not good enough. For instance, I can well imagine that a particular Englishman in India suffers to-day from a kind of war neurosis, but unless I can support this by facts and evidence I would not rush to the press.

"I have already told the public that so far as I and my colleagues know no friends of Gandhiji or a member of the Working Committee had any evidence about Subhas Bose receiving money from abroad when he was here or mentioned this to the Editor of the "Statesman". Having said this I would not proceed with the controversy any further".—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

He could not give figures, but the growth of the Indian Navy could be judged, he said, from the fact that it had to-day over 1,090 officers against 172 before the war. He did not remember how many of them were Indian officers, but he mentioned that the principle followed was to have one Indian officer to two European officers in the active service cadre and Indian and European officers in equal strength among reserve officers.

—From a report of Vice-Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert's Press Conference.

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The Maharaja of Kashmir suggests that their Highnesses of the Princely Order will be generously willing to give up "privileges, which may be merely matters of honour and glory shedding effulgence on their personalities....

But, of course, they are very very few, and you need not try to list them.

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"We shall resist any intrigue resorted to by Hindu leadership or British leadership until we are all dead."

—Mr. M. A. JINNAH.

Must the Qaid-e-Azam lie so desperately defeatist?

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More efforts have been made by M. P's to get information from Government regarding the tragedy of Singapore.

Can't they understand and keep quiet? Are they entirely devoid of sense and imagination?

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A Japanese naval spokesman says: "It seems Japan is now on the defensive and the Anglo-American Powers on the offensive."

Let us at least hope that this fear is justified.

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Apropos of the Vatican's acceptance of a Japanese representative the Chinese Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs points out that "several years ago the Chinese Government had asked that a Chinese representative might be accredited to the Vatican, but the request was still under consideration."

It would always remain so. You see Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek may be a Christian but Messrs Hitler and Tojo are——yes quite.

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According to an Admiralty communique a British convoy going to Malta was twice intercepted with the usual success by the Italian Navy.

The gallant fleet returned to its base with the battleship "Littorio" damaged by a torpedo.

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Wilhelmstrasse has denounced reports of king Boris's movements as circulated with the "hostile intention of creating confusion."

The pathetic irony of the situation is that these reports were circulated by the official Italian News Agency.

Poor Il Duce!

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Vichy's Secretary of State for Aviation is reported to be touring air bases and installations in the Dakar area.

It is not known whether the report will be submitted via Darlan to Herr Abetz or Reichs-Marshal Goering.

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Germans are desperately trying to save the Staraya Russa garrison by throwing large reinforcements into the struggle only to suffer increasingly heavy losses.

It would be more humanitarian that instead of having their agony prolonged the Germans were put out of it. In other words we wish the Russians would now do something to liquidate the garrison and clear up the area.

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"There's a man outside, sir, who wants to see you about a bill you owe him. He couldn't give his name."

"What does he look like?"

"He looks like you'd better pay it."

Wafd Party Assured Of Overwhelming Majority

CAIRO, March 24.

Polling takes place on Tuesday after one of the quietest election campaigns in Egyptian Parliamentary life. Out of a total of 264 Deputies 110 of which 103 are Wafdists have already been returned unopposed. It is generally conceded that the Wafdist Government is assured of an overwhelming majority.

The fact that Saadist and Liberal parties have officially abstained from the election—although several of their members are running as independents—has robbed the event of much of its popular interest and there is unlikely to be any great excitement. The Opposition in the Chamber would be composed of Independents and the chief interest in the election centres on the possible strength and leadership of the Opposition.—Reuter

Indira Nehru's Marriage

ALLAHABAD, March 24.

It is learnt that the marriage of Miss Indira Nehru with Mr. Firoze Gandhi, which is fixed for March 26 will take place according to simple Vedic rites. Mahamahopadhyaya Pandit Lachchmidhar Shastri of Delhi will preside over the ceremony.

It is emphasised that the marriage ceremony or anything connected therewith will not affect in any way the religious faith of either of the parties.

A large number of messages of good will, congratulations and blessing have been received at Anand Bhawan. Gandhiji has sent separate letters to the bride and the bridegroom conveying his blessings to them.

The following cablegram has been received by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru from Madame Chiang Kai-Shek from Chungking:—"On the happy occasion of Indira's marriage Generalissimo and I send you our heartiest congratulations. We wish her rich fulfilment of all her hopes and dreams in the golden years to come."

PERSISTENT MILL BUYING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

Active Speculative Support

PRICES RISE TWO DOLLARS PER BALE

Bombay, March 25

On Tuesday the New York cotton market ruled firm with active Mill and speculative buying with the result that prices advanced about two dollars per bale.

There was persistent Mill demand presumably against new Government orders and New Orleans and outside buying which met further hedging against C.C.C. stocks and profit-taking. Finally price-fixing and Wall Street buying appeared and the market closed strong.

Chicago grains advanced sharply on short covering in sympathy with cotton and on improved technical position after recent declines.

The New York cotton market opened at a rise of 3 points with July quoted 18.77. This was the lowest level for the day as persistent buying appeared and July advanced to 19.14 which was the highest level. The market closed at a net rise of 33 to 38 points. Spot cotton prices advanced 33 points at 20.64c. per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was firm with active buying and closed at a rise of 38 to 43 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 38 points at 19.64c. per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Poolar and Co. state: Yesterday, cotton opened weak and down tilted on general selling. Moderate trade covering was offset by heavy stale long liquidation and option selling. With the outrunning of option, market seems in an oversold position and is responsive to some reaction. Ready market reported good demand, especially for Rs. 100 old cotton and there were also rumours of some 3,000 bales Government purchases in Broach districts. Wheat advanced on local Government ban on exports due to improvised stock until new crop is available after six weeks. Clothes advanced by further half an anna per lb. on improved upcountry offtake. Shares reacted on realising owing to the delay in the promised announcement of the war risk insurance ordinance. Operators attention is now closely rivetted to Delhi. In view of the expected historical political changes which may make or mar the India's career. Presently, high hopes are held for the smooth negotiations over the difficult problem. Should there be satisfaction in the aspired goal of India, a tremendous stimulus is anticipated in outlook and expansion of business in consequence of India's defence being manned by national leaders, understanding Indian interests. Yesterday the Japanese official naval spokesman announced that since the fall of Java, the war had taken a less favourable turn for Japan. That is a good augury for India.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York July highest (3 p.m.)	.....	19.14+40
New York July lowest (10 a.m.)	.....	18.77+03

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES.

Bombay, March 24

Broach April/May highest 160 1/4 lowest 158 1/4 closing 159 1/2

Broach July/August highest 177 lowest 174 1/2 closing 176 1/4

Oomra March highest 128 1/2 lowest 124 closing 128 1/2

Oomra May highest 134 lowest 131 1/2 closing 133 1/4

Oomra July highest 145 lowest 141 1/2 closing 144 1/4

Bengal March highest 123 lowest 121 closing 121

Bengal May highest 124 1/2 lowest 133 closing 123

Bengal July highest 131 1/2 lowest 129 1/2 closing 129 1/2

Messrs Chunilal Mehta and Co Ltd have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:

New York: Active trade and speculative buying Market firm.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, March 24

May	.....	18.99+33
July	.....	19.11+37
October	.....	19.23+37
December	.....	19.25+35
January	.....	19.27
March	.....	19.36+38
Middling Spot	.....	20.64+33

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

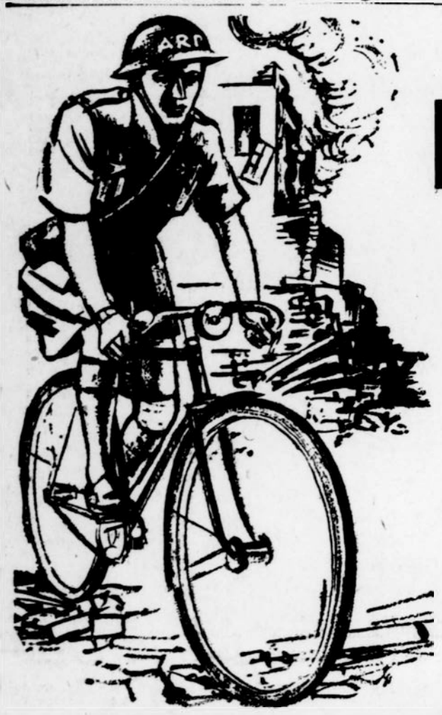
New York, March 24

May	.....	19.04+38
July	.....	19.17+39
October	.....	19.47+42
December	.....	19.49+42
January	.....	19.50+42
March	.....	19.56+43
Middling Spot	.....	19.64+38

NEW YORK COTTON NOON CALL

New York, March 24

May	.....	18.78
July	.....	18.90
October	.....	19.00



Wanted BRAVE MEN with BICYCLES

If Bombay is raided, the telephone service may be damaged—particularly where destruction and suffering call most urgently for organised action. Messengers who can work their way safely through the danger area will then be the only means of bringing relief to the people.

BOMBAY CYCLE RUNNERS

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GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, March 25

2 3/4 per cent 1948-52	93	
3 1/2 per cent G. P. Notes	87/14	
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan	94/1	
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan	95/4	
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan	103	
4 per cent 1945 Bonds	102/2	
3 per cent War Bonds	97/6	
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan	97/8	
4 1/2 per cent 1955 Loan	107/8	
TAX FREE LOANS		
5 per cent 1945/55 Loan	105	
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore	110	
5 per cent 1955 Mysore	120 N	
CORPORATION DEBENTURES		
4 per cent B P T 1947	97/8	
4 per cent M Deb 1947	99/8	
5 per cent M Deb 1959	109	
5 per cent M Deb 1964	118	
5 per cent K P T 1956	115	

Trend:—Steady.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, March 25

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/5 5/16 Four months
B. C Rates:—T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs 329 1/2; D D Rs 326 1/2
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs 297 1/4; D D Rs 293 3/4
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27; D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nominal; D D Esc 7.35 nominal
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA:—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8; D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T nil; D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet
Gold £8-8-0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 9/16 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money:—Call and 1 month 1/2 per cent.
2 to 3 months 3/4 per cent.
4 to 9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay March 25

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York.

London Spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23 1/2d. New York Spot silver was also unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay Spot and forward silver parity was Rs. 62-10-3. The local market was quiet with scattered selling. It appears that there is no short interest in the market, so the technical position is becoming weak. Quotations were as under:

GOLD			
Ready	Rs.	51	1 0
Chaitra		50	13 0
Sovereigns		38	12 0
SILVER			
Ready		83	5 0
Chaitra		78	6 0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, March 25

The local cotton market was quietly steady with scattered buying. The market will remain closed to-morrow being Ramnavami. Following a rise of 37 points in New York cotton futures, the local market opened at Rs. 161 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 162. Broach J/A opened at Rs. 177 and hardened to Rs. 179/8 on improved demand. The market continues narrow with a restricted business.

There was moderate buying and prices firmed up and Broach J/A was quoted at Rs. 181/4. At this level there appeared realising and prices reacted to Rs. 180/8. The market closed at 4-30 p.m. as under:

BROACH April/May	Rs.	162	8 0
BROACH July/August		181	0 0
OOMRA May		139	8 0
OOMRA July		149	0 0
BENGAL May		125	0 0
BENGAL July		130	8 0

TRADING IN COTTON MARKET

The local cotton market will remain open from 12 noon to 3 p.m. on Monday, 30th instant.

COTTON PARITY

Broach April/May New York May 1,273 cent points at 331

Broach July/August below New York July 1,220 cent points at 331

COTTON TENDERS

Bombay, March 25

	To-day	Total
Bengal	1500	12650
Oomra	4050	38600

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, March 25

Extra Sprfine Sup Fine FG Good

M G Broach No. 2 ... 166 163 160 157

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, March 25

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales.

	Yesterday.	This year	Last year
Khandesh	.....	74,362	92,015
Central India	.....	29,394	121,277
Barsi and Nagar	15	46,874	92,088
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	11,069	32,381
Berar	850	167 682	317,799
Central Provinces	579	77,439	66,362
Total Oomras	1,444	406,820	721,921
Dholeras	.....	29,367	58,654
N W Provinces	.....	1,021	1,202
Rajputana	.....	378	5,037
Sind-Punjab	3,419	368,462	410,829
Broach	1,001	266,466	61,494
Coompta & Dharwar	.....	7,643	36,200
Westerns-Northerns	.....	7,670	39,407
Cocoanada	.....	.....	239
Tinnevelly & Cambodia	...	9,073	830
Total	5,864	1,096,900	1,335,813
Arrived by road to 19th March 1942	.....	88,500	23,135

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay, March 25

Wheat May	0	4	9
Linseed May	0	5	3
Groundnut May	2	4	0
Castorseed May	2	8	0
Cottonseed May	1	2	0
Silver 1st settlement	3	0	0
Gold 1st settlement	2	0	0

BOMBAY STOCK EXCHANGE

Scattered Selling And Quiet Tone

Bombay, March 25

The local share bazar again ruled quiet to-day with scattered selling. There is utter absence of any buying and most of the transactions are between members. The market outlook remains uncertain and in the absence of any constructive development, quotations are grinding irregularly.

Bombay Dyeing shares were quoted at Rs. 1105. Century Mill shares opened at Rs. 391 and declined to Rs. 383. Nagpurs were done at Rs. 339. Gokaks came in business at Rs. 256. Swadeshi Mill shares done at Rs. 390. Associated Cements were steady at Rs. 157, while Tata Powers were done at Rs. 1407. Bellapur Sugar shares changed hands at Rs. 221.

Yesterday Wall Street market opened firm and after showing indecision firmed up slightly with more active trading with Motors and Rails leading. War news was a factor. However buyers were a shade more confident on the theory that stocks have more than discounted reduced dividends because of mounting taxes and other costs. U. S. Steel shares closed 3/8 up at 51 1/8. Anaconda Copper Mining shares gained 1/4 at 26 1/2 and General Motors improved 5/8 at 35 1/8 dollars.

The local market will remain closed tomorrow being 'Ramnavami'.

TEXTILES			
Bombay, March 25			
100 Ahmedabad Advance	.....	305	0
250 BOMBAY DYEING	.....	1130	0
100 CENTURY	.....	381	0
100 CENTRAL INDIA	.....	335	0
100 Colaba X.D.	.....	162	8
100 Cooria	.....	120	0
250 Dawn	.....	552	0
250 David	.....	300	0
1 E. D. Sassoon Defd.	.....	2	7 6
100 FINLAY	.....	194	0
100 GOKAK	.....	255	0
1000 Hindustan	.....	2282	8
100 Indore	.....	240	0
100 Khatau	.....	229	6
100 KOHINOOR X.D.	.....	427	0
250 LAXMI	.....	640	0
100 Madhusudan	.....	320	0
100 MORARJI	.....	470	0
250 Model	.....	215	0
50 MYSORE	.....	125	0
200 NEW GREAT X.D.	.....	265	0
100 Podar X.D.	.....	189	0
100 Phoenix	.....	385	0
25 Sassoon Silk	.....	81	0
1000 Sholapur	.....	5000	0
50 SIMPLEX	.....	180	0
100 SWADESHI	.....	385	0
100 SWAN	.....	187	0
600 Vishnu	.....	1470	0
1000 Western	.....	1550	0
BANKS			
50-100 Baroda X.D.	.....	105	0
25-50 Central India X.D.	.....	41	0
500 Imperial	.....	1420	0
125-500 Imp. Cont.	.....	350	0
50-100 India X.D.	.....	136	0
100 Reserve Bank	.....	96	8
5 Union X.D.	.....	6	0
CEMENTS			
100 ASSOCIATED X.D.	.....	156	0
INSURANCE			
15-75 New India	.....	44	0
100 Empire	.....	700	0
15-100 Jupiter	.....	13	4
20 Mercantile	.....	60	0
200 Oriental	.....	3450	0
10-50 Vulcan	.....	8	2
ELECTRIC			
100 Ahmedabad Old X.D.	.....	161	14
1000 ANDHRA VALLEY	.....	1510	0
10 Ajmer	.....	12	9
50 BOMBAY TRAMS	.....	120	0
100 Bombay Suburban	.....	170	0
10 Broach	.....	13	6
100 Karachi	.....	200	0
100 Poona	.....	217	0
100 Surat	.....	189	6
100 TATA HYDRO	.....	159	0
1000 TATA POWER	.....	1402	8
RAILWAYS			
500 Ahmedabad Prantij X.D.	.....	865	0
100 C. Province	.....	104	0
100 Dhond Baramati	.....	104	4
100 Gujarat	.....	102	0
100 Mandra Bhon	.....	101	0
100 Pachora Jamner	.....	93	8
100 Sara Sirajganj	.....	99	0
500 Tapti Valley	.....	631	4
MININGS			
9 Burma Corporation	.....	1	15
2sh. Indian Copper	.....	1a	11
10 Indian Iron and Steel	.....	23	12
30 SHIVRAJPUR	.....	30	0
10 Mukund Iron	.....	14	2
40 TATA STEEL DEFD	.....	1525	0
75 TATA STEEL ORD.	.....	285	0
10 Steel Corporation	.....	14	2
MISCELLANEOUS			
100 ALCOCK	.....	425	0
10 Air Services	.....	3	0
50 BELAPUR SUGAR	.....	223	0
200 Bombay Safe Deposit	.....	650	0
250 BOMBAY STEAM	.....	315	0
100 B. BURMA	.....	225	0
50 Contributory	.....	76	4
8sh. Br. B. Petrol	.....	1	4
100 IND. BLEACHING	.....	175	0
80 Ind. Invest. Trust	.....	47	8
100 Indian Radio Def	.....	360	0
100 Indian Radio Ord	.....	340	0
100 Port Canning	.....	70	0
30 PREMIER CONSTRUCTION	.....	108	8
15 Scindia	.....	19	0
24 Tata Oil	.....	49	0
24 Tata Chemical	.....	14	14
100 Wimco	.....	190	0
PREFERENCE			
7 p.c. Andhra Valley	.....	1502	0
6 p.c Bom. Steam	.....	315	0
7 p.c. Bom. Tram. (T.F.) X.D.	.....	75	0
5 p.c. Central India (T.F.)	.....	551	4
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 1st	.....	112	0
6 1/4 p.c. Premier Const. 2nd X.D.	.....	104	8
7 p.c. Tata Hydro	.....	147	8
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Power	.....	1523	12
6 p.c. Tata Steel 1st	.....	185	0
7 1/2 p.c. Tata Steel 2nd	.....	113	0
7 p.c Vishnu	.....	115	0
DEBENTURES			
4 p.c. Andhra Valley Deb	.....	100	0
4 p.c Bom. Telephone	.....	48	0
5 p.c. Morarji	.....	103	6
5 p.c. Sholapur	.....	74	8
4 p.c Tata Power Deb.	.....	106	8

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, March 25

The tendency of the market continued weak to-day owing to absence of buying support. Tata Deferreds lost about Rs. 30 and closed at 1265, while Tata Ordinaries suffered a setback of Rs. 11 to 240. Bombay Dyeings, however, continued steady at 1115. Indian Irons were quoted a bit better at 23-10.

The following were the important quotations on the Exchange to-day:

Tata Deferreds (1295) 1295 1265

Tata Ordinaries (248) 251 240

Tata Ordinary 240; Tata Deferred 1265; Indian Iron 23/6; Steel Corpn of Bengal 14/2; Bombay Dyeing 1110; Central India 337/8; Century 380/10; Gokak 255; Kohinoor 430; Simplex 170; Andhra Valley 1500; Tata Hydro 157/8; Tata Power 1402/8; Associated Cement 155; Belapur 223/12; Bombay Burma (old) 210.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 24

The markets were rather quiet but generally tending to be firmer including Tobaccos, Oils and Kaffirs. Home Rails, other industrials, giltedged and internationals ruled quietly firm. Wall Street firm.

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, March 25

Approx. quotations	Ready. Old.	Delivery contract New. Ready	Mar
Bengal Fine	110-15	127/30	.....
Berar	106-07	129/31	.....
C P. 1	115-17	159/61	.....
C P. 2	110-12	137/39	.....
Khandesh	90-100	107/12	Fine
Muglai	100-05	160	Par
Broach	100-05	.....	.....
Broach Low	90-96	.....	.....

BOMBAY SUGAR MARKET

Bombay, March 25

Fine White Java sugar per cwt:

Java ready from Bond Rs. 21-8-0

Indian sugars ready:

Ready (ordinary) Rs. 18-0-0 to 18-10-0

Ready (large grain) Rs. 18-12-0 to 19-2-0

Buiand Rs. 19-11-0

Chinai Lisa Rs. 31-0-0

Bombay Group May delivery: Rs. 14-4-0

Tone: Steady.

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BUT TWENTY BUCKS IS A LOT OF DOUGH!
BUT HE'LL PAY YOU BACK AS SOON AS HE GETS A JOB! GOSH, HE'S HAD TOUGH LUCK!
HIS POOR WIFE IS SICK, HIS BABY HAS THE MEASLES, HE'S OUT OF A JOB AND HE'S BROKE!
THAT IS TOUGH!
AND UNLESS HE PAYS BACK THE TWENTY DOLLARS HE OWES, HE MIGHT GO TO JAIL!
WHO DOES HE OWE THE MONEY TO?
ME!
?
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The Half-Column
By "Dim"

Here is a Peter Fleming story I heard on a train. When BRAZILIAN ADVENTURE was published, Fleming was many miles away from London and his publishers, elated at the success of the book wired to the author: "CONGRATULATIONS BRAZILIAN ADVENTURE IS BOOK OF THE MONTH."

Fleming in his inimitable nonchalant way replied by cable: "WHAT MONTH?"

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Journalist in Delhi eagerly gathering information to Hard Boiled Tongawala: "And who lives on this road?"

H. B. T.: "Sub Babujee Ek. baju chota babujee. Dusra baju burra babujee."

On the burra babujee's side of the road lived Sir Andrew Clow, Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar and others.

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Cripps' cryptic evalution of Amery: MAN-POWER.

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From our own Correspondent:

NEW DELHI, March 24.

"Don't forget that I am a Muslim" This interruption by Sir Feroze Khan Noon, Leader of the House, when Mr. P. N. Sapru was speaking on the Finance Bill in the Council of State led to an exciting scene to-day calling for intervention from the chair.

"Don't forget I am a Hindu" hotly replied Mr. P. N. Sapru protesting against the interruption by Sir F. K. Noon.

THIS INDIA! And to think that two elderly gentlemen can speak like this in this country in 1942 and still regard themselves worthy of being Honorable Members of India's Most Honourable Council of State! Young India can have little faith in its elders when shocking scenes like these continue to occur at a time when we should be thinking in terms of this country as a whole and not of its communities.

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A copy of the Jewish Advocate has come to hand. Here is an extract from the cover page on Spring in Nahalal: "With wreaths in their hair and flowers in their hands—the cyclamens from the Song of Songs with which Sulamith crowned the head of her Kingly lover—the youth of the Jewish villages goes out to welcome the advent of Spring, the children of the pioneers who 20 years ago, came to settle in the Valley of Jezreel. It has turned into a flourishing region of 31 villages, a granary like in Biblical times, a home for free men.

The contributors to the Palestine Foundation Fund, Keren Hayesod, which has promoted colonisation by giving equipment and building credits to the settlers, may be proud of this evidence of new life in Eretz Israel."

ON THE AIR

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

Bombay I—Programme.

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)

7-30 a.m. Ram Man. 7-50 News in Hindustani 8-0 News in English. 8-10 Vocal Variety. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9-0 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Allauddin. 9-25 Alap on Violin. 9-39 Gururao Deshpande of Dharwar. 10-0 Close down.

11-0 AIR Orchestra. 11-10 Roshanara Begam. 11-40 Fulajibuwa and Party. 12-0 Ram Navmi. 12-20 p.m. Vasumati Divatia and Party. 12-35 Nana S. Gaikwad. 12-45 Allauddin. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1-0 G. J. Watve. 1-15 Vasumati Divetia and Party. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour Music 2-25 Close down 5-0 To-morrow. 5-5 V. S. Gangoli. 5-25 Allauddin 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 G. J. Watve. 6-25 Local News and Announcements (Hindi). 6-30 Roshanara Begam. 7-0 Democracies in Danger, Talk in Gujarati by Jagmohandas D. Sheth. 7-15 Nana S. Gaikwad. 7-30 G. J. Watve. 7-45 News Commentary (Marathi) 7-50 Allauddin. 8-30 Books and Authors. 8-45 March of Time 9-0 News in Hindustani 9-15 News Commentary in Hindustani. 9-30 BBC News Relay. 9-45 War Commentary 9-55 Listening Post. 10-0 Frieda Dyer: 10-10 Recorded Interlude. 10-15 Film Tune on clarionet by Ibrahim 10-25 Abolada—a Gujarati feature based on folk songs 10-45 Close down.

Bombay II—Programme.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

7-30 to 7-50 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-50 Instrumental Melodies. 8-0 Thumri Bhairavin. 8-10 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1 8-50 Nana S. Gaikwad. 9-10 to 10-0 As in Bombay 1, 10-0 Close down.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

11-0 to 2-25 As in Bombay 1. 2-25 Close down.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)

5-0 to 6-0 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 6-0 Thumri Tilang 6-20 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)

7-30 to 8-0 As in Bombay 1. 8-0 Gururao Deshpande. 8-30 to 9-0 As in Bombay 1. 9-0 Ram Navmi. 10-15 to 10-45 Salon Trio 10-48 Close down.

HOTEL-KEEPERS' ASSURANCE

Will Work During Emergency But Want Facilities

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

To consider an urgent letter from the Controller of Civil Supplies, which sought to inquire as to which, if any, hotel and restaurants would continue to function normally, during periods of emergencies—if such should arise—, the Bombay and Suburban Hotel and Restaurant-keepers' Association, convened a special general meeting, this afternoon at Framji Cawasji Institute. Sjt. Rathai Chaganlal was in the chair.

After a number of people had spoken the official resolution was carried unanimously, pledging complete support to the war measures of the Government of Bombay. The resolution gave an assurance that the 3,000 member hotel and restaurant keepers would continue their normal business in emergency times.

The meeting, however, requested the Government to grant some facilities, like exemption from the Bombay Shops and Establishment Act, substantial reduction in rent of hotels and restaurants in times of emergency; protection against rowdyism, and finally adequate arrangements for the supply of the necessary materials for hotels and restaurants in times of emergency.

A committee of 12 was formed to "negotiate" with the Government and it was empowered to amend or modify this resolution as it saw fit.

Building Contractor's Conviction Set Aside

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Broomfield and Mr. Justice Wassoodew.)

T. K Printer ..... Appellant (Original Accused.)

vs.

Imperator ..... Respondent.

The Appellant appeakd from his conviction by the Presidency Magistrate, First Additional Court, Bombay of the offences of criminal misappropriation of Rs. 23,000 alleged to have been obtained by the Appellant by mortgaging a certain building in Bombay in reality alleged to be belonging to Lady Byramjee Jeejibhoy (the original complainant) as if it was his own property and of cheating the mortgagee Davalji Girdhar from whom the mortgage—money had been obtained by the Appellant on the ground that he was the sole owner of that building. The trial Magistrate had sentenced him to nine months' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of Rs. 500.

The Appellant who was a building contractor constructed a building on a plot on the Dadar-Matunga Estate as a joint venture for which Lady Jeejibhoy in pursuance of an arrangement paid him a certain sum of money. From October 1936 the Appellant had managed the building and used to collect its rents.

Their Lordships were of the opinion that the precise legal relation between Lady Jeejibhoy and the Appellant was uncertain and that therefore this was a civil dispute which should not have been taken to a Criminal Court at all. Their Lordships therefore allowed the appeal, set aside the conviction and sentence and acquitted the Appellant-Accused.

Mr. G. N. Thakore with Mr. H. D. Thakore appeared for the Appellant.

The Government Pleader appeared for the Crown.

Messrs Payne & Co. watched the case on behalf of Lady Jeejibhoy (the complainant)

Royal Asiatic Society's Bombay Branch

The annual meeting of the Bombay Branch of the Royal Asistic Society was held on Wednesday evening at the Town Hall when the Hon. Sir John Beaumont presided.

In the course of his speech, the president said that for the past few years with monotonous regularity they had to record a decreasing membership, and it was, therefore, with pleasure that they now reported that during the war there had been a net increase of 49.

COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The following were elected to form the Committee of Management:

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Ceylon May Be Put Under Martial Law

Appointment Of C.-in-C. Necessitated By Demand For Full Co-ordination Between Civil And Military Measures

COLOMBO, March 24.

"The sole reason for the appointment of a Commander-in-Chief for Ceylon is the recent change in the war situation in the Far East which has made it a matter of paramount necessity that there should be unified direction of all the services in Ceylon and military and civil measures should be fully co-ordinated with all speed possible", declared the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott in a message to the State Council to-day in the course of which he announced that in order to secure prompt co-ordination of all defence measures a war council has been established consisting of the Commander-in-Chief, (the Governor, members of the Board of Ministers and representatives of the Navy) army and the air force.

The Governor added that the good results of this arrangement, are already visible

Explaining the implications of the present position as far as powers of the State Council were concerned the Governor stated, "It is of course, apparent that the position to-day is not that of martial law, although a situation may arise in which it will be necessary to declare martial law.

Until that time comes, which both the Commander-in-Chief and myself hope will never come, the position is that powers of executive control possossed by the State Council will be subject to no greater limitations than they were prior to the appointment of the Commander-in-Chief and that the only means by which substantive legislative measure can be passed will be the same as they were prior to that appointment".

INCOMETAX SUSPENDED.

MADRAS, March 25.

Kumararaja Sir M. Ammuthia Chettiar of Chettinad has received a telegram from Delhi from the Secretary of the Chettiars 'Deputation, which states that as a result of the Chettiars' deputation, the Government of India are pleased to suspend for the period of war further tax collection for 1941-42 assessment on incomes accrued in Burma, Malaya and Indo China. The Government have further agreed staying tax collection for assessment prior to 1941-42 pending receipt of lists of such assessees and recommendations by Commissioner of Income-Tax. Madras assessment proceedings will continue normally but without undue haste.—A. P.

New Stock Of Wheat Arrives

(From our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, March 25.

New stock of wheat has now come in the city. The prices are also reduced

Five parcels containing number of Rampuri knives have been attached from the railway station. The police are inspecting suspected persons in the city and Sec. 42, prohibiting the carrying of arms, is strictly enforced.

MADRAS BAN ON 'MATHRUBHUMI'

MADRAS, March 25.

The Government of Madras have banned the publication of further issues of the "Mathrubhumi", a Malayalam daily newspaper from Calicut.

A notification to this effect is published in the current issue of the Gazette which read:—

"Whereas in the opinion of the Government of Madras, the issue dated the 22nd February, 1942, of the daily Malayalam newspaper "Mathrubhumi", published at Calicut, contains a prejudicial report.

"Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by Clause (d) of Sub-Rule (1) of Rule 40 of the Defence of India Rules, H. E. the Governor of Madras is hereby pleased to prohibit the further publication, sale or distribution of the issue of the said daily Malayalam newspaper "Mathrubhumi", dated the 22nd February, 1942, and also the publication, sale or distribution of any subsequent issue of the said newspaper".—A.P.

U. S. ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR INDIA

WASHINGTON, March 25.

Doctor Henry Grady, former Assistant Secretary of State is assuming Chairmanship of the United States Advisory Commission which is going to India, the State Department announced on Tuesday.

Dr. Grady replaces Mr. Louis Johnson who was originally named but was subsequently appointed as President Roosevelt's personal representative in India.—Reuter.

CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

CALCUTTA, March 25.

Although the market sentiment continued firm and active with regard to Government securities, Banks and the speculative issues, the volume of business throughout the day was nothing but restricted.

Following are closing quotations:—

Government securities:—3 per cent loan (1963-65) 88/8, three and half per cent Government paper 88, five per cent loan (1945-55) 104/15.

Bank:—Reserve Bank 97.

Cottons:—New Victoria (ord) 4/8.

Jutes:—Anglo-India (pref) 134, Budge Budge (pref.) 131, Lansdowne (pref) 103 Naihati (pref) 130, New Central (pref) 131.

Miscellaneous:—Indian copper 1/12, Alkali and Chemical (pref) 101/8, Indian iron and steel 24/2, Steel Corpn. (or repeat ord) 14/4, (pref) 93/8, Titaghur paper ord 18/4, Tea shares—Rateli 7/4, Desai and Parbutia 2/0.

Debentures:—Five and half per cent 1929-59 Calcutta improvement Trust 115 small lot, six per cent 1908-48, Howrah Amta Rly Debs 107 small lot, six per cent 1935-45 Humayan property debs 100/8.—A.P.

LINSEED AND WHEAT

Bombay, March 25

Linseed May	9	3	0
Wheat May	7	6	0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, March 25

Copper sheets lb. 21 Rs. 137 28 128 35 127 42 126 49-56 124

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb 20-21 Rs. 106 24 103 28 103 35 93 42 92 49-56 91-92

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 76 Rosita Rs. 72 Country make Rs. 60 Pigiead 'B.M.' Refined Rs. 32 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Penang Rs. 83 per gr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Ashad Rs. 129/8

Market tone: Steady. On 26th March, the market is closed on account of 'Ramnavami'.

BOMBAY METALS

Bombay, March 25

Yellow metal sheets	Rs. 104	0	0
Copper sheets	Rs. 129	8	0

Tone: Steady.

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS

Bombay, March 25

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	Rs. 42	9	0
Highest	43	3	6
Lowest	42	8	0
Closing	43	2	3
Cottonseeds May—			
Opening	25	5	0
Highest	25	8	6
Lowest	25	5	0
Closing	25	7	0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	42	12	0
Highest	42	14	0
Lowest	42	12	0
Closing	42	14	0

BOMBAY PRODUCE MARKET

Bombay, March 25

Local Produce markets were fairly steady with a moderate turnover. Up-country prices being higher there is good enquiry in the local market and some articles are returning to up-country markets.

The British Food Ministry has increased groundnuts buying limit by shillings five and accepted tenders for 5250 tons and is still buyer. Local groundnuts May opened at Rs. 42/9 and improved to Rs. 42/14. Ready Groundnuts Bold were done at Rs. 8/4. Quality was done at Rs. 8/3 with sellers few while Goa business was booked at Rs. 8/1.

Castorseeds May were quoted at Rs. 42/12 and Ready business on Bazar terms was done at Rs. 40/8.

Cottonseed May opened at Rs. 25/5 and improved to Rs. 25/6 but Gujarat was selling.

Linseed May was steady at Rs. 9/2/9 and ready bold was done at Rs. 8/13 while small seed was sold at Rs. 8/6/6. Wheat May was quoted at Rs. 7/5/6. Delhi Picci was done at Rs. 8/12 and Karachi Bangla at Rs. 8/13. Tone was steady.

LONDON SILVER

London, March 24

Spot	23	1/c
Forward	23	1/2

LONDON GOLD

London, March 24

Gold Bars Fine per ounce £8-8-0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, March 24

Rozario Santa Fe	22/1	1/2
Barletta Russo	22/3	
Australian Wheat	27/6	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 24

Rupee paper 3 1/2 per cent	£64
Indian stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£101 1/8
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£83 1/8
Conversion loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£105 1/4
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	£105 7/8
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£116
Victory Bonds 4 per cent 1960/90	£113 1/4

BILL FOR BILLION DOLLAR GIFT TO BRITAIN

OTTAWA, March 25.

A bill authorising the gift of a billion dollars in war supplies from the Canadian people to the United Kingdom third reading in the Canadian House of Commons on Tuesday.—Reuter.

QUEEN GIVES AUDIENCE TO IRANIAN MINISTER

LONDON, March 25.

The Iranian Minister and Madame Taquizadeh had the honour of being received by the Queen this morning.—Reuter.

Latest Commercial

JULY

New York, March 25

Previous closing	19.11
To-day's opening	19.16
Difference	+.5
To-day's closing	19.19
Difference	+.8

BROACH EXPECTATIONS

April/May	Rs. 162
July/Aug.	Rs. 161

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, March 25.

Following are the New York opening ranges:

May (18.67/67) 19.05/05
July (18.78/77) 19.17/16
October (18.90/88) 19.26/25

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, March 25.

SEEDS

Castorseeds March/April £20 5/8 sellers) £20 5/8 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta March/April (£20 nominal) £20 nominal

Linseed La Plata March/April unquoted

Groundnut Coromandal Coast March/April (East Coast India shipment not quoted: £20 West Coast India shipment) £20 West Coast shipment.

LONDON METALS

Electric Copper (£62) £62

Lead (£25) £25

Glasgow Iron No 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

EXCHANGE:

CROSS RATES.

T.T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York, March 25.

Previous closing	4.03 1/8
To-day's opening	4.03 1/8

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, March 25.

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/8 buyers.
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/8 buyers.
To-day's closing	4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/8 buyers

LONDON BULLION.

London, March 25.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, March 25.

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers; 1-5 31/32 buyers

New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent

6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, March 25.

The Stock Exchange was firmer to-day

3% PER CENT STERLING LOAN

London March 25.

3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £101 1/8

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

London March 25.

5 per cent 1958/68 £101

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £83 3/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 15/16
4 per cent Funding Loan 1111 1/2 Ex Div.
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £105 7/8
3 per cent War Loan £100 1/4
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 3/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 16-7 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 34-7 1/8
Electric Music Industry 13-9
Princhin Johnson 20-10 1/2
Imperial Chemical 32-7 1/2
Woolsworth New Ordinary 49-10 1/2
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £7.
Dundee 25-10 1/2
Unilever Ordinary 25-9
Ford Motors 24-3
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £30 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordinary £3 23/32
Carreas 'A' £5 1/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £6 8/16
P and O Defd 27-1 1/2
Distillers 73-3
Bredfords Dyes 7-7 1/2
British Celanese 6-3
J and P Coates 34-7 1/2
Courtaulds Ordinary 32-3
Fine Cotton Spinners 4-9
Vickers Limited Ordinary 15-10 1/8
Inter Nickel def 48 1/2
Indian Iron 32-6

TEA SHARES

Assam 11-10 1/2
Donaro Tea 21-10 1/2
Empire of India 11-3

JUTE

Barnagore £5 nominal

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch Rubber 8-6
Gula Kelampong 8-1 1/2
Rubber Plant Inv. Trust 11-6

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 16-3
Burma Corporation 3-7 1/2
Rio Tintos £8
East Rand Properties £1 29/32
Rand Mines £6 1/4

MINE SHARES

Crown £8 3/4
Associated Portland Cement 45-7 1/8
Trinidad Leasehold 67-6
Sub-Nigel £6
Spring Mines Split Shares £1
Union Corporation 126-3

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 35-0
Anglo-India 39-4 1/2
Burma Oil £1 5/8
Mexican Eagle £12-9
Shell Transport £2
Royal Dutch £13 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £42 1/4
London Midland Ordinary £18 1/8
London North Eastern Defd £1 3/4
London Southern Defd £15 1/8
London Transport 5 per cent £130 1/8
London Transport £39

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

London March 25.

New York Stock Exchange opening prices:

General motors 35 3/8
Anaconda copper mining 26 3/4
United States Steel common 51
U. S. Steel preference unquoted

SHIPPING NEWS

IMPORTS.

Bombay, March 25

2734 cs whisky; 400 dms bichromate of soda; 75 d/bags glauber salts; 70 cs safety fuse; 209 lse white eware closets; 74 d/bags cut nails; 30 cs tacks; 2399 cs beer; 1180 d/bags cut steel nails; 400 kegs dry red lead; 983 casks coal pitch; 1008 pcs san eware; 26 cs cottons; 25 lse white eware astemiells; 263 coils copper wire; 50 hhds ale; 360 d/bags steel rose head nails; 44 cs san fireclay ware; 86 lse steel tubes; 50 bdls shovels; 50 bs blotting paper; 300 cs ale; 765 d/bags steel nails; 50 bs leather scrap; 78 cs machy and parts; 15 cs cotton thred; 25 cs ranges; 25 cs wire.

NATIONAL WAR FRONT

"We are members of a worthy company, China, Russia, America, Britain, and a score of others: let each one of us in India be worthy of our own country and of our comrades!"

—H. E. THE VICEROY

Inspector Wade — THE COAT OF ARMS — By Edgar Wallace

I MUST HAVE PASSED OUT... GOT TO HELP DON.. GOT TO...
8-27
TIME PASSES... WADE RECOVERS FROM HIS WEARINESS.
GOT TO KEEP GOING... DON CAN'T DIE....
ON AND ON--HIS ARMS ACHING--TIME MEANINGLESS -- WADE TRIES TO PUMP LIFE INTO DON'S LUNGS...
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YOU CAN'T STAND HERE AND DO NOTHING/
WE'RE NOT DOING NOTHING--WE'RE WAITING FOR HIM TO DIE... THEN WE'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT SCOTLAND YARD ACE, INSPECTOR WADE/
AND YOU!

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